



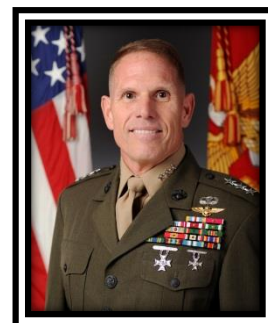
**COMMANDING GENERAL, MARINE CORPS COMBAT
DEVELOPMENT COMMAND AND DEPUTY COMMANDANT,
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SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT**



We need every Marine, Sailor, and civilian to ensure they are supporting the Marines and civilians on their flanks. The Marine Corps policy on illegal drug use is clear: zero tolerance...it will not be tolerated. Commanders must have their finger on the pulse of their personnel. We need to get involved, get to know our people, and learn how to intervene and support.

Preventable decisions, poor choices, and failure to seek assistance are some of the key factors that lead to substance abuse. Whether alcohol or drugs, legal or illegal, these substances offer temptations, addictions, and abuses to which many of our Marines and civilians fall prey each and every day. The acts of an individual can affect many others.

Not only can these activities negatively affect the command, they have the potential to risk lives, destroy the individual, and their families. Instead of focusing on the negative, I want to ensure we focus on the positive. I challenge the entire command to make good choices and challenge those who need assistance to seek it. It is only through healthy, positive activities that the command, the families, and our communities will thrive. For more information see MCO 5300.17 and MCO 1700.22F.



Semper Fidelis,

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